

February 2, 1995 LB 65, 173A

1,500 dollar transfer. I would move that LB 173A be advanced.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any discussion on the advancement of LB 173A? Seeing none, Senator Matzke, do you wish to close?

SENATOR MATZKE: I have nothing further for closing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The question before the body is the advancement of LB 173A. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 173A.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 173A advances. Before we turn to LB 65, I have sitting beside me this morning an intern in my office, a young woman by the name of Sarah Maser. Sarah, will you please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We now turn to General File and LB 65.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 65 introduced by Senator Kristensen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. Yesterday, Senator Fisher offered a motion to indefinitely postpone. I have a note, Madam President, that he wishes to withdraw that motion. I, therefore, have no amendments pending at this time to LB 65.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: We turn now then to Senator Kristensen to open on LB 65.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the Legislature, LB 65 brings to the State of Nebraska the opportunity to revisit the decision that we made in 1991 concerning our electoral college votes. As a brief matter of history or of at least to explain to the body, as you all know, the manner in which we select the President of the United States is based upon the electoral college. That was a source of considerable debate in 1787 through 1789 in this country about, one, should we have a president, and if so, who should select that president. And it was a source of great debate, great compromise at that point in time where the system of the electoral college was devised. Now the electoral college probably has, since that debate in the 1700s, been the source of a tremendous examination, some controversy and I would have to